Translation of Vedas

1113. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to translate Vedas into regional languages to make them available to the common man; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Performance of Indian Cricket Team in Australia

1114. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI:
SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any analytical study by professional experts on factors responsible for the dismal performance of Indian cricket team during recent foreign tour in Australia;

(b) if so, the findings thereof and the measures proposed to be taken to ensure improvement in the performance of the team; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure fair selection of sportsmen and providing better training and infrastructural facilities to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c). The Selection of National Cricket Team and providing training facilities etc. to the team is being done by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) which is an independent autonomous body for promotion of Cricket. The BCCI have not approached the Government for any assistance in this regard.

World Bank Assistance for Aid in Karnataka

1115. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had submitted two projects for the world Bank assistance for the detection of AIDS and rehabilitation of infected persons:

(b) If so, the amount of World Bank assistance sought for;

(c) whether the projects have been posed to the World Bank for assistance; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). Under the National AIDS Project for which negotiations have recently been concluded, Karnataka will be provided assistance both in cash as well as in kind for undertaking Prevention and Control activities int he following areas:

- Programme Management
- Surveillance
- Blood Safety
- Information, Education and Communication
- Control of sexually transmitted diseases